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BISHOP SAMUEL SEABURY'S JOURNAL "B"---A RECORD OF CERTAIN EVENTS BETWEEN MAY 29, 1791. AND NOVEMBER 4, 1795.

[The manuscript to be edited in the following pages is not the original but an exact copy made by William J. Seabury, dated "New York--Feast of St Mark the Evangelist 1876," with the following dedication: "To the Right Reverend Father in God John Williams D.D. L.L.D. the honoured Successor to the Office and Jurisdiction of Samuel Bishop of Connecticut is presented the following transcript made by an humble descendant of his Illustrious Predecessor." There is an accompanying affidavit: "This certifies, That the Copy, referred to in the foregoing Certificate, has been compared by me with the Original Manuscript in possession of the Reverend William J. Seabury, and been found by me to be a true Copy of said Original. This also certifies, That, as regards the formation of the letters and the correspondence of the pages and lines, the copy is a correct imitation of the original. William E. Eigenbrodt Presbyter of the Diocese of New York. 1876."

[To our knowledge, this journal has never before been edited. We shall omit the marginal notations --chiefly the mileage between points. K.W.C.]

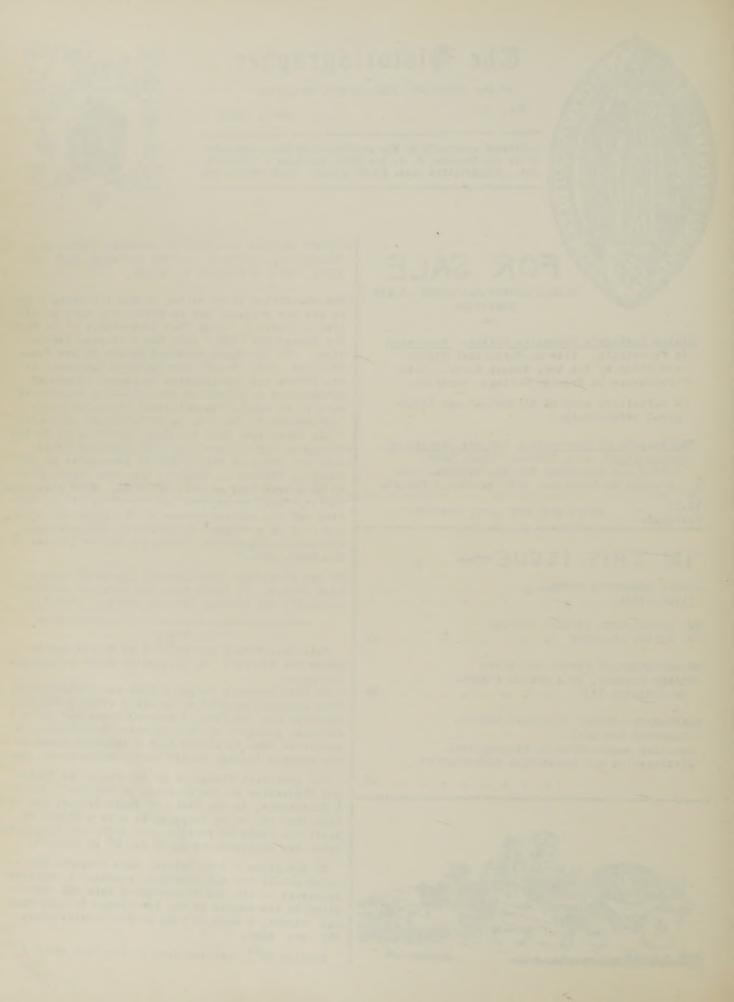
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This day, Monday May 30 th, I am to set out by water for New Port, my d[a]ughter Maria accompanying me.--

To Thee heavenly Father I look for protection in this journey, as well as in every other thing that concerns me. Be Thou, I beseech Thee, our guide & defence, preserve us from sickness & accidents, & return us home in safety with a thankful sense of thy mercies through Christ Jesus the Saviour. Amen.

The principal design of my journey is an Episco-pal Visitation to the Churches of New-Port, Bristol, & Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, who have, till they can be so happy as to have a Bishop of their own State to preside over them, put themselves under the superintendence of the B<sup>P</sup> of Connect.

To thy grace & Holy Spirit, most gracious God, I refer myself for all prudence, courage, & patience necessary to the due discharge of this new duty which in the course of thy Providence is come upon me. Direct, O Lord, & help me for Christs sake, thy Son. Amen.

Tuesday 31 st, arrived safe at New Port about 2



o'clock in the morning, after a troublesom & fatiguing passage of 16 hours. Had a happy meeting with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M. W<sup>m</sup> Smith the worthy Rector of Trinity Chch, N. Port, Under his hospitable roof I continued during my stay in town. This & the following day were spent in friendly intercourse with various good acquaintances.

Thursday June 2, being Ascension day, at Chch--MF Smith officiated & preached very much to my satisfaction. This day & the two next employed in visiting; And particularly in endeavouring to remove some
misunderstandings & prejudices subsisting with Cap.
C---- W---y & MF B---- G----, respecting MF Smiths
settlement at New Port, &, by Gods goodness, succeeded so far as to see them both with their good
Ladies at the Holy Altar on

Sunday the 3<sup>d</sup>, the Sunday after Ascension-day. At the Communion 60 or 70 were present. No sermon in the morning---preached in the afternoon & after sermon administered Confirmation to about 40, all young people except three or four

Wednesday the 8th, went on horse back, Mr Smith accompanying me, to Bristol--14 miles. No Clergyman at Bristol--- Mr John Usher, son of their late worthy Minister reads Prayers & sermons in a decent new Church (the Cheh was burnt in the late commotions with the Town by a party of British troops) but unfinished. By Mr Ussher we were kindly received & hespitably entertained. In the Morning, viz

Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> The Rev<sup>d</sup> M. Moses Badger Rector of Kings Church, Providence, an old & valued acquaintance, came to us. At Church this day the Congregation was small. M. Smith redde Prayers. M. Badger administred Baptism to one adult & to several children; I preached, administred Confirmation to 26 (among whom was the adult woman just baptized) & consecrated the h. Eucharist——among the Communicants was the same good woman—the sight was an affecting & joyful one, especially in a country where people are so backward in attending on divine Ordinances. May Gods grace & H. Spirit be with her, & all his faithful people!

Here I met with great obstinacy & apparent perverseness in a M. Munro, one of the Chch Wardens, I fear an unworthy one, respecting Confirmation——
He could not see his way clear—I pray God to enlighten his mind, & give him that teachable temper, so necessary—I had almost said meritorious, in the Christian Character.

It has, I found, been long the wish of the Congregation of Bristol, that M. John Usher should go into h. Orders, & become their minister; Nor did I find any good reason against it -- M. Ushers inclinations too seemed strongly to lead that way. But an unhappy resentment which one of his brothers entertains against him, which originated 16 years ago about ye division of their fathers books -- which he has nursed ever since, & which he refuses to give up on any terms, has hitherto prevented a measure which, as it appears to me, would do much service to that Chch. The books, it seems were divided by lot, & M. J. Usher obtained the lot which his brother wanted. So much bitterness, I think, I never saw in any human creature -- How dreadful a state to cherish malice for 16 years --- malice too conceived without any pro-

vocation--exerted against a Brother & to the hindrance of the peace & prosperity of Gods Chil Gracious God, have mercy upon him! By Thy grace may he become sensible of his evil, miserable state, & through deep repentance be reconciled to Thee. For Christs sake, pity him heavenly Father! In the afternoon returned to Newport, and on

Saturday the 11th took passage for Providence, deeply regretting that the I called twice I did not find Mr Sa--- F---y at home. He also is dissatisfied about Mr Smiths settlement at New Port & hath withdrawn from Chch. Strange that Christian men should vent their dissatisfactions of this kind on the Chch of God, & rather excommunicate themselves, tha[n] forego little resentments--- God give him repentance, & a better mind---even that Charity which is the bond of perfectness---the perfect bond of Union among Christians:

After a passage of 10 hours arrived in safety at Providence, 30 miles from New Port, & went to the house of my good friend M<sup>T</sup> Badger. The next day being

Whitsunday June 12, preached twice, & administred Confirmation to about 50. On

Wednesday the 15th set out in the Post coach for Boston, & in the evening arrived in safety at the Rev. D<sup>r</sup> Samuel Parkers, Rector of Trinity church, Boston, where we met with a hearty & polite reception. Continued in Boston and on

Trinity Sunday June 19 preached for Dr Parker morning & Evening. And on

Monday the 20th went in a Post chariot to Newbury Port 42 miles. At the Inn DF Edward Bass, Rector of St Pauls Church in Newbury Port, came to us, & conducted us to his house, where we remained till

Wednesday the 22d, when we went to Portsmouth in the State of New Hampshire with the Reve MT John Cozens Ogden, Rector of St Johns Cheh Portsmouth, who had come in a Post chariot to Newbury Port to fetch us. In the afternoon we arrived at his house in safety but much fatigued with the violence of the heat. On the following

Sunday, viz: the 26th, being the first Sunday after Trinity preached twice to a large Congregation, & administred Confirmation to 72 Persons. The next day,

Monday the 27, D. Bass & M. Robert Fowle a young Gentleman in Deacons Orders, & who was to be ordained Priest for Holderness in New-Hampshire, came to us. Wednesday the 29th, St. Peters day, was fixed on for Mr Fowles Ordination .-- Let thy grace, O merciful God, assist me: Let Thy Holy Spirit direct me in the great duties of that sacred Office in the Cheh of the Redeemer to which thy providence has called me -- that I may not rashly lay hands on any one--that neither favour, nor resentment, nor partiality of any kind may influence my conduct; But that the glory of thy name, the honour of the dear Redeemer, the good of thy holy Church, the salvation of sinners may be the end of all my views, the motives of all my actions .-- Lord Jesus, to thee all power is committed in heaven & in earth--- Thou dids promise to be with Thy Apostles to the end of

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the world: Be with me, Blessed Lord, now about to act under that authority & commission thou graciously gavest to them. Hear me, Almighty Father; Hear me All gracious Saviour; Hear me Most holy, & life giving Spirit-- Hear & bless. Amen. On

Tuesday M. Fowle was examined, & gave the most pleasing hope, from his literary attainments, amiable temper, & prudent conduct in his Office of Deacon, of his being a worthy & able minister in the higher Order of Priesthood to which he was about to be promoted.

Wednesday, the Festival of St. Peter, the crowd at Church was very great. The novelty of the scene (an Episcopal Ordination never having been before held in that part of the country) attracted the attendance of some who little regarded the solemnity of the Office, or the prosperity of the Chch. Dr Bass made the presentation, --- The sermon was preached by me from St. Matt. XXVIII.18.19.20th.

After Church several Presbyterian Ministers dined & drank tea with us at Mr Ogdens---all was good humour. That Evening however I heard some were offended at the sermon, & threatened to attack it. Conscious of the soundness of the principles on which it was built, it was a matter of no importance to me whether they attacked, or let it pass quietly off. The next day,

Friday the 30th, We returned early to Newbury Port in the Stage Coach. It ought to have been remarked that Confirmation was administered on Wednesday to 33 persons.

Continuing at Newbury Port till Sunday July the 3d, I preached for D<sup>r</sup> Bass both fore & afternoon to very large Congregations. That in the afternoon was supposed to consist of more than 2000 people. The Eucharist was celebrated & well attended, & Confirmation administered to about 50. But the Church was so crowded that the aisles were impassable to those in the remoter parts. Those who wished to be confirmed were therefore requested to repair to the Church the next day, when after Prayers they would be attended to. Accordingly on

Monday the 4th, about 50 more received the Apostolical Rite of the Laying on of hands, making in the whole 100 at least. On

Tuesday the 5th, we took the opportunity of the Stage Coach to return to Boston to the house of Dr Parker, where in the Evening, we arrived in safety. While I was at Boston Mr Osbornes Paper of Portsmouth, of July 6, & M. Russels of Boston of the same date, I believe, accused me of saying in the sermon at Portsmouth "That the belief of the truth spoken by one not inducted into the priestly office in an Episcopal form is not the Faith of God, or a Divine Faith." The sermon I suppose will soon be public, à will then speak for itself. One position I shall enter here from the Portsmouth paper, because of its extraordinary tendency --- "if a devil should deliver a good gospel sermon, shall we disbelieve because the preacher is a devil, & not a Church Priest?" Again --- "I am as much bound to believe the truth spoken by his Plutonic Majesty, as I am to believe the same truth when delivered by his Lordship of York, or his Holiness of Rome" &c. To expose the nonsense

& profaneness of these assertions needs not a word -- they speak for themselves, & evidently shew what spirit they are of.

To bear abuse, & reviling language, & misrepresentation, for his sake, who bore them all for me is my duty—— Enable me, gracious God to bear them with patience & resignation to thy will—in humble dependence on thy grace, in imitation of my dear Redeemer, & in the comfort of thy H. Spirit. Let me not be discouraged by them from doing my duty in meekness & love; with a constancy & perseverance. Have mercy upon & forgive those who persecute me with slanders, & turn their hearts to that charity which rejoiceth in the truth——Hear, O God, & for Christs sake forgive them. Amen.

On Sunday the 10th preached Morning & Evening in Trinity Church, and on

Monday the 11th set out in a hired chariot for Providence, where We arrived toward sunset, & stopped at M. Russels. After resting one day, we went in the Stage to Norwich, viz: on Wednesday the 13th; & in the Evening got safely to my good friends Major Whiting, much fatigued with the roughness of the road & badness of the carriage.

Thursday the 15th rested at Major Whitings, & on Friday took boat for New London, where we arrived without accident at two oClock P. M. after an absence of 6 weeks & 4 days, having traveled, out & home, by land & water, 397 miles, Confirmed 311, persons, & admitted one to the holy Order of priest-hood.

By Gods goodness I returned in health, & Maria well recovered from a constant headache which had long afflicted her. We had the happiness also to find the family in good health. Glory be to God for these instances of his mercy & goodness to me -- that he hath preserved us from sickness & accidents, &, as I hope, enabled me to be of some service to his Holy Church. Increase, O God, my willingness to spend my life, as well as strength, in thy service. To this end, preserve to me, I beseech Thee, if it be thy blessed will, my health & understanding, that while I live I may be useful to thy people. Preserve those who have been at any time admitted by me thy unworthy servant into thy Chich by holy Baptism, in the Unity of thy Cheh, in the bonds of charity & peace, & in all holiness & righteousness of life. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over those upon whom I have at any time laid my hands to certify them thereby of thy favour & goodness to them. Let thy Holy Ghost ever guide, direct, & support those who have been seperated by me to thy service in thy holy Chch. For them -- for thy whole Chch -- hear my supplications, O God, for Christs sake, & bless them now & forever. Amen.

## Sunday Octor 2d. 1791

I am tomorrow morning, if God permit to set out on a journey to Watertown, to meet the Clergy of the State in Convocation. Let thy protection, O my God, be my Security in this journey against accidents & sickness; thy Holy Spirit my director in all the duties of that office in thy Church, to which thy providence hath called me. Preserve my

family, & the congregation to which I minister in this town; that no damage or distress may happen to them, but that they may alway continue in safety under thy protection, &, by thy Grace, in holiness & righteousness of life to thy honour & glory. And in thy good time bring me back in safety to them. Hear me, heavenly Father, & have mercy for Christs sake--- To whom, with Thee & the Holy Ghost, be glory now & forever. Amen.

Monday Evening Oct. 3 arrived at the house of Col. Chapman at East Haddam. The next day rode 1 1/2 miles to the house where they usually assemble for divine service, & preached to a large congregation on the subject of Confirmation—— Confirmed 25, all elderly people. Administred the communion to 27——24 of whom had never communicated in the Chich before, being late Converts from presbyterianism; The whole number of Conformists being about 40 families. Remember them in mercy, O Heavenly Father; & as, by thy grace, they have come into the unity of thy Chich, confirm them in the truth, that they may abide alway under thy holy protection——may grow in grace, be rich in faith & good works, & finally obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the evening rode to Middleton 15 miles, in company with Deacon E. Blakslee, where I had the pleasure of meeting & passing the evening with my old friend Dr Leaming, at the house of Mr Jarvis. In the morning of the 5th, went to Cheshire 16 miles; thence to Watertown 16 miles. Found the Clergy assembled, Mr Perry of Newtown preached to them that day.

Oct: 6. Mess. Mansfield, Hubbard, Perry of Newtown, Shelton, & Ives, were appointed a standing Committee of recommendation.

7th. Resolved that every Clergyman desire the congregations over which he presides, to send one Lay delegate, to confer with the Clergy on such subjects as relate to the general welfare of the Chch in this State--- To meet in Trinity Chch New Haven, on the 30th day of May next, at 10 o'Clock, A. M.

8th. The Convention, having finished their business, rose. On Sunday 9th Preached at Watertown, from
Matt. 28. 3 last verses--- Ordained M. Seth Hart,
Deacon, to officiate at Waterbury.

10th. Rode to Waterbury 6 miles--preached on the unity of Christs Chch---the congregation large-- Confirmed 54.

11th. Went to Guntown accompanied by Mess . Prindle, Blakslee, & Hart -- Preached from 2 Cor. VI.1 --- Confirmed 14. Lodged with Mr Osborn, and

12. Rode with Blakslee to Oxford where Mr Mansfield met me--- Preached to a small congregation from 1 Jno III.8. Confirmed 8. Went to Dr Mansfields at Derby 8 miles, and on

13th Preached to a small congregation on the unity of Christs Church-- Confirmed 9.

14 M. Clarke met me at the ferry with his two Chch Wardens-- Rode with them to Ripton 6 miles-- Preached on 2 Cor. VI.1--- Confirmed 6.

15. Rode with Mr Clarke to Nicol Esq. 8 miles, where Mr Shelton met me; In the evening went home with him 2 1/2 miles.

16th, Sunday at Church at Stratfield--the Congregation large all day-- Preached A. M. Matt XXVIII.18,19,20-- Ordained M. David Perry Priest-set over the Congregations of Reading, Danbury & Ridgefield. Preached P. M. on the unity of Christs Chch. Confirmed 20.

17 Went with M<sup>r</sup> Shelton & Clark to Fairfield Chch 4 m. Preached on 2 Cor. VI.1. Confirmed 16. Returned to M<sup>r</sup> Sheltons 4 miles.

18th. Rode in company with M<sup>r</sup> Shelton & Clarke to Weston 9 miles -- Preached on 1 Jn<sup>o</sup> III.8. Confirmed 28. In the afternoon rode to M<sup>r</sup> Princes 4 m.

19th. Rode to Mr Clarks Chch at Tashaway 2.m Preached on the unity of Christs Chch.--- Confirmed 72-- Returned the same day to Mr Sheltons. 9 m.

20th. Mr Shelton accompanied me to Mr Bowdens at Stratford, 6 miles. With Mr Bowden I confirmed till the 22d. He then rode with me to Mr Hubbards at New Haven, 14 miles.

23, Sunday preached for M. Hubbard who went to West Haven- A. M. 1 Jn. III.8. P. M. 2 Cor. VI.1. Congregation large all day- Confirmed 18.

25th. Went to Branford. 8 miles, to visit M. Hull. The next day rode, M. Hubbard with me, to Killingworth, 19 miles. Continued there till late the next day, conversing with the scattered Chch people, who came together to see me; & then proceeded to New London, 26 miles, accompanied by my son Charles; having in this journey travelled, 223 miles, & confirmed 303 persons.

Glory be to thee, Almighty Ged, heavenly Father, for thy great goodness to me in this journey, (& through my whole life) that thou has preserved me from sickness & accident that thou hast preserved my family also & brought me back to them in safety. Bless, I beseech thee, my labours for the service of thy church. Be with those who have been ordained to Holy Offices, & bless their ministrations to the edification of thy people—— Strengthen those who have been confirmed, with thy Holy Spirit, & build them up, & all thy whole Church, in thy faith & fear, for Christs sake, our only Saviour. Amen.

Tuesday Nov. 29th, 1791, I set out, with my daughter Maria, trusting in the divine protection, to visit the Church at Brooklyn, under the care of the Revd Mr. Daniel Fogg. Went in the Stage to Norwich, to Major Whitings, 14 miles.

30th. Set out in a Chaise sent from Brooklyn, & in the evening got to Mrs Malbones at Brooklyn, where Mr Fogg resides, 21 miles. Passed the remainder of the week in visiting some friends. Went to Capt Malbones 6 miles. The next day rode beyond the Town of Pomphret & back 5 miles. Saturday returned to Major Putnams, 6 miles.

Dec. 4th, Sunday, at Church--- M. Fogg having gone to New London to supply that Church-- The Congregation large--only one service. Preached from James I.13,14,15. Confirmed 10.

6th Went to M. Isaacs, Brooklyn town 2 miles-

7th Returned to Major Whitings at Norwich, 20 m.

Sth, In the Stage to New London 14 miles, where we arrived, by Gods goodness, in health & safety, much pleased with the kind & hospitable entertainment we had received from M<sup>rs</sup> Malbone, Maj. Putnam, Cap. Malbone, Mr Isaacs &c: Travelled 74 miles. Confirmed 10 persons.

Glory to God for his mercyful Protection.

On monday Feb. 12th, 1792, I set out from New London to meet a number of the Clergy at East Haddam, I got safely thro' the journey that day. Put up at Col. Chapmans, 26 miles from New London. On tuesday evening several of the Clergy arrived. Wednesday at Church--preached from 2 Pet. I.4. Confir[m]ed nine. Wednesday evening & thursday spent in business. Friday I returned to New London in good health & without any accident, and found my family well.

Glory to God for his goodness.

On thursday the 31st of May, 1792, I left New London to meet the Clergy & Lay delegates in Convention at New Haven. Got that night to Say brooke, & lodged at Dr Ely's.

June 1. Rode to New Haven, stopping at Killing-worth & Guilford to discourse with the Church-people with regard to the settlement of M. Butler among them, & found every thing to my satisfaction. June 2. At New Haven.

June 3. Trinity Sunday. Officiated for Dr Hubbard who went to East Haven where no Communion had been administered for several months. Preached all day on 1 John V.7. Administered the Eucharist to about 80 Communicants.

June 6. The Convention met. Preached on Psalm CXXII.3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together. On this day & the next the business of the Convention was happily finished. Rules were agreed upon for the conduct of Ecclesiastical affairs, respecting both Clergy & Laity, & Delegates were appointed to attend the General Convention at New York in September next, viz: for the Clergy, Dr Dibblee, Dr Mansfield, Dr Jarvis, & Mr Bowden; For the Laity, Tho. Belden Esqr of Norwalk, Philip Nicol Esqr of Stratfield, Saml Marsh Esqr of Litchfield, & Eben. Baldwin Jur Esqr of New Milford. The next day the Convention of the Clergy met, viz: Friday the 8th, & transacted their business.

June 10th, Sunday. Russel Catling & David Butler were ordained Deacons, the former for Arlington, in the State of Vermont, the latter for North Guilford, Guilford, & Killingworth. Preached, A.M. on Heb. XII.17. P.M. Rom. II.28,29. At the Communion about 50. Confirmed 51.

June 12. Rode to Cheshire to the house of the Rev. M. Ives, who met me at Hamden, whither the Rev Dr Hubbard & Rev. Mr Hull had accompanied me.

June 13, at Church---preached from Rom. II.28,29. Confirmed five.

June 14 -- Rode to Southington, to M. Brackets, 7

miles --- To Church & back, 3 miles. Preached from 2 Pet. I.4. Confirmed 16.

June 15---Rode to Farmington with M<sup>r</sup> Ives & M<sup>r</sup> Prindle who had met me at Southington, 10 miles. M<sup>r</sup> Todd of Symsbury met me at Farmington, where I preached on 2 Cor. VI.1.

June 16---Rode to Symsbury with Mr. Todd, 14 miles.

June 17 Sunday. Preached at Symsbury---Morning Heb XII.17. afternoon 2 Pet.I.4. Confirmed 52.

June 18. Went to Hartford, 12 miles, accompanied by MF Todd; viewed the foundation of the Church, dined with MF Jn° Morgan, & toward Evening rode 14 miles to Bolton, accompanied by MF Brunsson of Hebron who came to me at Hartford. Lodged at the tavern, &,

June 19, Went to Hebron, to M. Maus, 8 miles. At 3 o'Clock at Church, preached on 2 Pet. I.4. Confirmed 29. After Church went with Mr Brunson to Mr Foots at Marlborough, 7 miles.

June 20, Rode 6 miles to D<sup>r</sup> Skinners at Colchester Baptized his little daughter, & after dinner parted with M<sup>r</sup> Brunson & went to M<sup>r</sup> John Mumfords, 10 miles.

June 21 God safely to New London, and found the family all well. Having travelled 174 miles, & confirmed 153 Persons. Gracious is God & merciful — He hath preserved me through this journey, & given me both strength & a willing mind to go through the duties of that office in his Church to which his providence hath called me--- He hath preserved my family in my absence from sickness & accidents, & he hath brought me back to them in safety--- All glory be to his holy name.

Look graciously, O God, upon all those who have been now, & at any other time, confirmed by the imposition of hands -- Confirm them ever, I beseach thee, with thy grace & Holy Spirit, that they may continue thy children, & in the unity of thy Church obtain thy heavenly Kingdom. Support, & guide, & bless those thy servants who have new been admitted to the holy Order of Deacons, together with all the Clergy of thy Church, especially of that branch of it over which thou hast placed me. Bless also, 0 my good God, all thy people--- May they, thro' thy grace, live in thy fear, & in peace & love with each other. Hear, O heavenly Father, and accept my supplications for his sake who died & rose again for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our blessed Lord & Saviour. Amen. Amen.

NEW LONDON, Monday morning Aug. 13, 1792. I am just going to leave home on a journey to New York to meet the General Convention which is to assemble there the beginning of September. To thee heavenly Father I look, on thee do I depend for protection on the road, & for support in every circumstance of life. Let thy Holy Spirit be with me, & with all others who shall on this occasion come together to consult the interest & prosperity of thy Chch, & direct all our deliberations; that peace & charity & unity may be preserved, & everything may be settled according to thy will & the holy nature of the blessed religion of thy dear Son.

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Guard, O God, & preserve, & bless my family in my absence, & forever, in peace, & health, & innocence in this world, & with life everlasting in the world to come. Amen.

Preserve the congregation which I leave in the unity of the Church, & in the true faith & fear of thy holy name; & grant that I may return again to them in health & peace for Christs sake. Amen.

Lodged that night at M. Geo. Morgans at Killingworth, & the next day, Aug. 14 Got to Dr Hubbards at New Haven. The 15th, went to the Rev. Mr Bowdens at Stratford. The 16th, dined with the Rev Mr Shelton, who after dinner accompanied me to the Rev. Mr Ogilvies at Norwalk. The 17th embarked at the Old Wells for Huntington on on [sic] Long Island. Contrary winds obliged us to stop at Mr Smiths on one of the Norwalk Islands, where we stayed all night. The 18th at 1 o'Clock landed at Mr Kelso's below Huntington. Rode that afternoon to Dr Treadwells at North Hempsted --- Found my mother & sister well. Glory to God for his goodness to me, & to them.

19th Sunday. Much fatigued, & did not go out.

22. Went to Hempstead to Rev. M. Moores. & returned to Dr Treadwells. The 23d visited Dr Kissam at Musketo-Cove, & returned to DT Treadwells.

25. Rode on the plains -- Dined with Mr Onderdonk at the harbour -- Returned to Dr Treadwells.

26. Preached for MT Moore at Success (2 Pet. 1.4) The Congregation large & attentive.

27. Rode on the plains. 28 Dined with M. John Moore at M. H. Peters at Hempstead, & returned to Dr Treadwells.

Sep. 1. Rode to the Rev Mr Moores at Hempstead

2 Sunday. Preached for Mr Moore. Luke IX.24,25, 26. The congregation was small it being rainey. Returned in the Evening to Dr Treadwells.

4th. Went to New York, to Mr James Rivingtons.

9th, Sunday. Preached for Dr B. More, A.M. in Trinity Cheh, 2 Pet. 1.4. P.M. St Georges Chaple, Luke IX.24,25,26.

11th. The Convention met. 12th According to appointment I preached to them. Coloss. iii.14. (At their desire the Sermon was printed)

Chapel in New York, with the permission of Bp. Prowost. Mr Warren was of Massachusetts; He was presented by the Rev. M. Ural Ogden of Newark, New-Jersey. Mr Ogilvie & Cap. Betts with me. Preached from The Rev. Dr Jarvis, Dr B. Moore, Mr Bowden, Mr R. Moore also assisted at the Ordination.

20th. The Convention, having finished their business, broke up.

At this Convention the Offices of making, ordaining, & consecrating Bishops, Priests & Deacons, were accomodated to the state of the Chch in this country, thing I have to regret is that the form of words at the 28,29. P.M. 2 Pet. i.4. Congregation very large. & ordered to be printed in a Quarto edition. The only imposition of hands in ordaining Priests as it stands in the English book is not made absolute in ours, but an alternative, or another form, similar to that in making Deacons, is permitted to those Bps who choose

At this Convention, the Right Reverend Dr Clagget of Maryland was consecrated a Bishop, in Trinity Chch, by Bps Provost, White, Madison, & Seabury. All glory be ascribed to God, for his goodness to his Cheh in the American States.

In his goodness I confide for the continuance of that holy Episcopate which is now begun to be communicated in this country. May it redound to his glory, & the good of his Cheh, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the last General Convention at Philadelphia, it was proposed by Bp. White, & agreed to by me, the [sic] the eldest Bp. present (to be reckoned from his Consecration) should be President of the House of Bps. This agreement seemed to be displeasing to Bps. Provost & Maddison; and it was proposed by them that the presidency should go by rotation, beginning from the North. I had no inclination to contend who should be the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven, & therefore readily consented to relinquish the Presidency into the hands of Bp. Provost. I thank God for his grace on this occasion, & beseech him that no self-exaltation or envy of others may ever lead me into debate & contention, but that I may ever be willing to be the least, when the peace of his Chch requires it.

Sep. 22. Saturday. Went passenger in a waggon to the Rev. M. T. Moores at Hempstead, 23 m. The next day preached for him, 1 John iii.8. After Church went with Dr Treadwells family to his house, 3 1/2 m.

25 Rode on a visit to D. A. Seabury at Hempstead, & back 7 m. 26. Left Long Island & went to New Rochel, 15 m. crossing the sound at Sands' ferry, --Lodged that night with the Rev. M. Barton. 27, Proceeded to Rye, to the Lodging of the Rev. M. Foote, at Mrs Hunts, 8 m. The next day Mr Foote accompanied me to M. D. Bushes at Horseneck, 8 m. 29 Preached at Horseneck & returned to M. Bushes, 3 m. After dinner went with the Rev. DT Dibble to his house at Stamford, 6 m. Sunday 30, preached a[t] Stamford. A.M. 1 John iii.8. P.M. 2 Pet. i.4. Congregation large -- Confirmed 40.

Octor. 2. Rode to Canaan 8 m. Preached from 2 Cor. vi.1, confirmed 52. Lodged at Cap. Betts'. --Here the Rev. Mr Ogilvie of Norwalk met me: And 18th Ordained MT Joseph Warren Priest, in St. Pauls here I parted with good old DT Dibble, who had accompanied me from Stamford.

> 3. Rode to the Rev. Mr D. Perry's at Ridgfield. Heb. vi.1,2. Confirmed 62. 4th. Rode with Mr Ogilvie & Perry to Capt. Clarks at Danbury 10 m. Preached from Heb. vi.1,2. Confirmed 8. 5th. Went with Mr Ogilvie & Perry to Mr Herons at Reading, 8 m. Preached from Rom. ii.28,29. Confirmed 28.

6th. Rode with Mr Ogilvie to to [sic] Norwalk 18m.

7th Sunday. Preached at Norwalk, A.M. Rom. ii. 150 at the Communion. Confirmed 65. 9th, Rode, MY Ogilvie with me to the Rev. M. Sheltons at Stratfield, 15 m. After dinner MY Shelton went with us to the Rev. Mr Clarks at Huntington, 10 m. where the Convocation were to meet. 10th. The Convo-



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cation met. Preached from Rom. 11.28,29. Confirmed 3. 11th. The Convocation broke up.

14 Sunday. Ordained M. Hart Priest, for Waterbury. in St. Pauls Chch, Ripton, presented by the Rev. Mr Clark. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr Shelton, & was a very good one, from -- Receive ye the Holy Ghost &c: The Rev. M. Ives also assisted at the Ordination. Preached in the afternoon from 2 Pet. i.4. Confirmed 28. 15th Rode to Derby 6 m. Mr Clark accompanying me to the ferry. Lodged with good Dr Mansfield. 16th. M. E. Blakslee accompanied me to New Haven, 9 m. Thence proceeded to East Haven, 6 m. Dr Hubbard with me. Preached from 2 Pet. i.4. Confirmed 8. Here M. Butler from Cohabit [sic] met me; with him I next day rode to Cohabit 12 m. Preached from 2 Pet. 1.4. Confirmed 7. 18th, M. Butler accompanied me to Guilford 6 m. Preached from 2 Pet. i.4. Confirmed only one.

19th, M. Butler attended me to Killingworth 10 m.-Preached in the meeting house from 2 Pet. i.4. Confirmed 5. 20th, I got safe home to New London 26 m.
Having travelled in this journey 450 1/2 miles, & confirmed 265 Persons, & preached 20 sermons. Glory to
God for his goodness to me. Make me, O my God, ever
ready to serve thy Chich without regard to my own
profit, or honour, but merely to thy glory, thro;
Jesus Christ.

Upon my return home, I found my family in deep affliction for the death of my Son in law,  $M_{\bullet}^{\bullet}$  Charles-Nicol Taylor, who died in September last at Norfolk in Virginia--- May God be the protector of his widow & fatherless children. Have mercy upon them, O God, & bless them for Christs sake. Amen.

On the 17 of April 1793. I set out, with Mr Eb.
Punderson Jur of Groton for Paukatanuc, 12 m from
New London, & preached there from Confirmed
8. The next day viz: the 19th returned home, by Gods
goodness in safety.---

May 31. 1793.

This day I set out from New London to meet the Clergy & Lay deputies of the several Congregations at Middleton, humbly trusting in the divine protection & blessing, & went that day to Mr John Mumfords, 14 m.

June 1. Went to Col. Chapmans at East-Haddam 11 m. This day, by a fall of my horse in the Sulky, I was put into a good deal of danger, & much hurt one of my eyes: But, by Gods goodness, I escaped without any permanent injury--- Much do I owe to the goodness of Alm. God, that in all my journeyings he hath protected me from accidents, & that this I have now mentioned is the only one which hath happened to me.

June 2, being Sunday, I preached in the new & unfinished Church; in the morning on the miracle of Christ in healing the Centurions servant. In the Afternoon, on 2 Cor. vi.l.

June 3. Rode to Petty pauge, 9 m. Preached there in their new & unfinished Church, from 2 Pet. I.4.
Returned the same day to Col. Chapmans, 9 m. In this jaunt I was accompanied by M. S. Blakslee.

June 4. Went to Middleton 14 m, Col. Chapman, MT

S. Blakslee, & my Son Mr Chas Seabury, who came to me this morning, being in company. Put up with the Reve Dr Jarvis.

June 5, the Convention met. A very good sermon was preached by the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>F</sup> Baldwin of Litchfield. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>F</sup> Bostwick of Great-Barrington having proposed M<sup>F</sup> Daniel Burhans for Deacons Orders; & that Gentleman, & M<sup>F</sup> Ch<sup>F</sup> Seabury, by the Recommendation of the Clergy present, were both admitted Deacons. In the afternoon the Convention entered on business, which being completed on the next day, viz:

June 6, the Convention broke up, having appointed Jonathan Ingersol Esq. of New Haven to be Treasurer of the money raised in this State for the support of Missionaries on the Western frontiers. After the Lay-deputies were departed, the Clergy finished their business & broke up.

June 9, Sunday, Edward Blakslee, Solomon Blakslee, Russel Catling, & David Butler were ordained Priests, in Christs Church, Middleton. They were presented for Orders by the Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Jarvis; the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Ives, & the Rev M<sup>r</sup> Ogilvie also assisting at the Ordination. On this occasion a very good sermon was delivered by the Rev M<sup>r</sup> Ives. In the afternoon I preached from 2 Pet I.4, & confirmed 8.

June 10. Rode to Chatham 2 1/2 m; preached the same sermon as at Middleton; Confirmed 19. The congregation was large--- The Church a handsome new building & will probably be finished in the course of another year. Towards evening returned to Middleton. On this visit D<sup>F</sup> Jarvis attended me.

June 11, Rode, accompanied by M<sup>r</sup> S. Blakslee & M<sup>r</sup> Ch<sup>s</sup> Seabury, to Middle Haddam, 6 1/2 miles. Preached the same sermon— Confirmed 25. Lodged at M<sup>r</sup> Smiths, & on June 12, went by the way of Salmon River to Col. Chapmans at East Haddam

June 13, returned with Mr Chs Seabury to New London, 26 m, & arrived in safety.

Thus hath it pleased God to preserve in this journey, & to enable me to through [sic] my duty to his Church. Gracious is the Lord, & great is his mercy. May his grace accompany those who have now been admitted into the holy orders of his Church, & make them to be faithful & successful ministers of the Gospel of his Son. May he remember those to whom the holy rite of Confirmation hath been administered, & keep them ever by his Holy Spirit-- May he look on me in mercy, keep me by his power, preserve me by his goodness, & ever enable me by his goodness to fulfil my duty, for the sake of Jesus the Saviour. Amen.

July 23, 1793.

This day I set out for New Port by water, my daughter Maria accompanying me. We had a good passage of 8 hours -- Found the Rev Mr Smith & family well.

July 28, Sunday, M. John Usher of Bristol was presented by the Rev. Mr Smith for holy Orders, and was ordained Deacon. M. Usher had been previously recommended by the Convention of Rhode



Island. In the afternoon I preached from 2 Pet. I.4. The congregation was large. Confirmed 25.

July 29, Went by Water, Mr Smith accompanying me, to Providence, 30 m. Found the Rev. Mr Clarke &c well.

July 31, the Convention met, & an excellent sermon on the remission of sins was preached by the Rev.  $\mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{r}}$  Smith.

The case of MT Walter Gardiner, of Marraganset, who that he might have some pretence for endeavouring to seize the legacy left by John Case Esq. for a support of a Bishop who should have the superintendency of the Narraganset country, whenever his widow who had her life in his farm should die, & who had therefore refused to join with the other Churches in the State. & with the majority of the congregation in Narraganset, in acknowledging the Bishop of of [sic] Connecticut for the Bp of Rhode Island, came to be con-sidered. And as it appeared that M. Gardiner had privately obtained a Recommendation to the standing Committee of Massachusetts, & that they had, without any personal knowledge of Mr Gardiner, recommended him to Bp Provost of New York, without any concurrence of the congregation; & that Bp Provost had on this recommendation conferred Deacons orders on M. Gardiner, (who it seems had joined himself to the Massachusetts Convention) The Convention declined to acknowledge Mr Gardiner as one of their body, unless he did subscribe the constitution of Rhode Island, & acknowledged the superintendency of the Bp. of Connecticut. This MT Gardiner would have then done, had he not have been prevented by M. Thomas Wickham of New Port. The Convention therefore allowed him till the middle of November to consider of this matter; and determined if he did not by that time acceed to the Constitution of Connecticut &c: they would hold no connection with him.

It appeared also to the Convention that M<sup>r</sup> Gardiner had not attended at the Chch for divine service for a month past, as no congregation would attend with him.

On the day of the Convention M. John Usher of Bristol, presented by the Rev. Mr Clarke, was ordained Priest, Mr Smith also assisting at the ordination.

Aug 1, the Convention broke up.

Aug. 4, Sunday, Preached at Providence--A.M. from Philip. III.20,21. P.M. 2 Pet. I.4. The Congregations very large. Confirmed 28.

Aug. 5. Received the news of the illness of my son Samuel, & the next morning set out in the Stage for New London, & the next morning got home in safety. Found my son very ill, but better than he had been. Glory to God for this mercy, & for all his numberless mercies confered on me. Amen.

Thursday, Sep. 12th, 1793, trusting in the favour & protection of Alm. God, I set out in a Sulky from New London to meet the Clergy in Convention at New Milford; my son Edward accompanying me as far as New Haven. Lodged that night with M. Geo. Morgan at Killingworth.

13. Got to D. Hubbards at New Haven, 56 m. from New London.

- 15. Officiated for Dr Hubbard who went to West Haven. Preached two sermons from 1 Cor. 12.11th. Confirmed 10, 8 Whites & 2 Blacks. Baptized a son of  $\mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{r}}$  Austins by the name of Charles.
- 16. Dr Hubbard accompanied me to the Rev. M. Bowdens, at Stratford. After dinner M. Bowden went with us to Philip Nicol's Esq.
- 17. The Rev M Shelton came to us. D Hubbard & myself went with him to his house, 20 m. from New Haven- M Bowden having returned home the Evening before.
  - 18. Mr Shelton accompanied us to New Town 21 m.
- 19. Consecrated the new Church at New Town, called Trinity Church. The Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Perry their Rector redde Prayers. Preached from Ps. LXXXVII.2. Congregation large & attentive. The Church well finished; 68 feet in length, in breadth 48--Steeple 140 feet high Confirmed 31. A Stranger presented me with two dollars toward travelling Expences.
  - 21. Rode to New Milford in company with Mr Perry.
- 22. Sunday, preached for the Rev M. Marsh, A.M. from 2 Cor.VI.1. P.M. from Philip. III. Our Conversation is in heaven &c;
- 25. The Convocation met, when St Johns Church, being decently finished, was Consecrated. The sermon the same as at New Town.

At this Convocation but few of the Clergy met. The Influenza had attacked many of them, & disabled them from travelling. Some regulations were passed respecting the supply of vacant Churches, & the erecting of new Congregations; & the Censure of the Cheh was passed on the Rev. M. James Sayre for his disorderly behaviour.

27, Friday, I set out on my return to Derby by Carleton bridge, & that night lodged at the Rev. Dr Mansfields. The next day proceeded to New Ha-

29, Sunday passed with D. Hubbard, and preached in his Chch, one sermon, For our Conversation is in heaven &c, the other is not recollected. The next day I set out for New London, & got there on tuesday, & found my family, by Gods goodness all well.

Monday June 2d 1794.

I am this morning to set out for New Haven to meet the Convention of the Clergy & Lay deputies on Wednesday next--- Preserve me, O my good God from all accidents in this journey, & keep me in health & spirits to serve thee by consulting the interest of thy Church, & promoting the spiritual welfare of thy people. May no bitterness nor ill will arise in our deliberations, but only such tempers & dispositions as tend to thy glory, & the honour of thy Christ, Amen.

M. Jared Starr, & my son, the Rev. M. Ch. Seabury accompanied me in this journey--- Lodged that night at M. Geo Morgans at Killingworth-

- 3. Rode to New Haven.
- 4. The Convention met. A very good Sermon was preached before them by the Rev. M. Brunson.



Among other things, the subject of an Episcopal Academy was canvased, an[d] measures were directed for opening one at Stratford, under the direction of the Rev M. John Bowden. A Son of the Revd M. Bostwick. deceased, of Great Barrington, was ordered to be placed at this Academy, to be bred for the Chch, at the charge of the Clergy--for his expences I became accountable. M. Bowden kindly offering to bestow his tuition gratuitously.

- 5. The Convention broke up at 12 at Noon, & the Clergy that afternoon settled their business.
- 6 & 7. Continued at New Haven. The latter day some symptoms of a paralytic nature attacked me in the street, & alarmed me very much. Thy will, 0 my God, be done --- but in all thy visitations, gracious Father, remember mercy -- Blot out my offences for Jesus sake.
- 8. Whitsunday, was weak & languid. But God enabled me to go thro- my peculiar duties, & to preach all day, there, & preached for him the next day Nov. the A.M. Eph. IV.8. P.M. 2 Pet. I.10. Ordained M. Dan- 9th from Philipp. III.20,21. Our Conversation &c: iel Burhans, Priest. Confirmed 35. D. Hubbard con- Confirmed 9. Returned to Cap. Wetmores. secrated the Eucharist.
- 9. Rain prevented me from visiting Woodbridge according to appointment. N.B. This is the first appointment in which I have failed since I have been in Connecticut --- such has been the goodness of God.
- Confirmed 18.
- 13. D Hubbard accompanied me almost to M Nath Johnsons at Northford, 10 m. Thence to the Church 1 Convocation a M m. At M. Johnsons the Rev M. Butler met me. Preach- for Holy Orders ed from Phillipp. III.20.21. Confirmed 18. From the Church went to M. John Potters and lodged.
- 14. Rode to M. Butlers at North Guilford, 6 m. Visited M. Abm. Hubbard. 1 1/2 m. At M. Hubbards three Gentlemen from Brandford came to me, to explain some matters respecting their Church which has been thrown into some confusion by M. James Sayre & M. Ralph Isaacs. I hope matters will return to a better state; But I fear their fickleness, or rather the insinuations of M. Isaacs.
- 15. Trinity Sunday. Rode to Church forenoon & afternoon, making 3 m. Preached A.M. Coloss I 9-12. P.M. Philipp III.20,21. Confirmed 24.
- 16. Rode to Guilford, 6 m. Preached, Rom I.4. Confirmed, 4. Lodged at Cap. Fairchilds.
- 17. The Rev. M. Ch Seabury having joined me at Guilford, we proceeded to Killingworth accompanied by the Rev. Mr Butler. Preached in the afternoon in the Meeting house --- Philipp III.20,21. Confirmed 27. Lodged at MT Geo. Morgans, & on

18 proceeded to New London; where I arrived without accident, but found a hired woman servant & my Negro Nelly sick, but not dangerously ill. Glory to God for his preservation of me in this journey.

tection of divine providence, for Norwich in the Stage, Zealously dedicated it to the service of God. God & lodged at Major Whitings. The next day preached in Christs Church, & administered the holy Communion; having previously held a Confirmation in & laid hands on 41, chiefly young people.

The next day being Saturday went to Paukatanuk: preached there Sunday, & returned to Norwich. And on Monday morning early returned to New London without any accident .--- Glory to God for his goodness!

On Thursday Nov. 6th, 1794 I set out from New London to meet the Clergy in Convocation at Cheshire, trusting that Almighty God, to whom I look for support, will be with me & conduct me in safety through this journey, & bring me back in health &

Lodged that night at Col. Chapmans at East Haddam, whither M. E. Seabury attended me.

- 7. M. E. Seabury returned to New London, & the Rev. M. S. Blakslee accompanied to Middleton, 40 m. from N. London. Lodged that night at Cap! Wetmores.
- 8. This evening went to D. Jarvis, & lodged
- 10. M. Blakslee having returned to E. Haddam, D. Jarvis accompanied me to the Rev. M. Ives at Cheshire. 16 m.
- 12. The Convocation met. The Congregation was large. Preached from John V.22,23, The Father 11. Visited West Haven. Sermon on Philipp III 20,21. judgeth no man &c: Confirmed 33. The Communion was large & the Communicants very devout, reflecting great honour on their worthy Rector. At this Convocation a M. Pardy was proposed as a Candidate
  - 13. Having finished their business, the Convocation broke up.
  - 15. Rode to Waterbury, vacant by the removal of the Rev. M. Hart. Lodged at M. Warners.
  - 16. M. Ives came to me & redde prayer & assisted at the H. Communion. The Communicants were numerous & decent. Preached from Philipp. III.20,21. Conf. 37.
  - 17. Rode to Westbury, being previously joined by Dr Hubbard who had done duty the day before at Cheshire, & by Rev. Mess's Brunson & Hart. At the Rev. Mr Prindles at Westbury we were joined by the Rev. Mess " Baldwin & Butler.

18th, being Tuesday Consecrated the New Church at Westbury. The Congregation was very large & attentive. An Adult & an Infant were baptised, & a Woman Churched. Thirty two were confirmed, & the Communicants were numerous.

This new Church bears the same name with the Old one, viz: Christs Church, & is not only a decent but an elegant building & was completely finished in two summers. It reflects great honour on this Congregation, that though their old church was in good repair, yet standing inconvenient for ya, they have by voluntary subscription in a short time On the 17 day of July 1794, I set out under the pro-finished one of the best Chches in Connecticut, & accept & bless them.

19. I set out on my return home in Company with D Hubbard, Mr Ives, & M. Hart. Dined with M.



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Moss, a worthy Communicant at Cheshire. After dinner the sight of many valued friends-- I kept no exact went to Wallingford to the Rev M. Harts, who has late- account of the number confirmed, but suppose them ly removed thither from Waterbury. Mr Ives stopped at to have been at least 150 at New Haven, Stratford, his own house. D. Hubbard kindly accompanied me.

Lodged at M. Harts where M. S. Blakslee met me. The next morning D. Hubbard returned to New Haven, & I set out with H. Blakslee for E. Haddam. Dined at Durham. & got in safely to Col. Chapmans before dark.

21. Preached at E. Haddam Philipp III.20 &c: Confirmed 21. Here M. E. Seabury met me, & with him I, the next morning, set out for New London. At Hadlime the Axletree of my Sulky broke, but without any further accident. Capt. Hatch kindly lent me a Saddle & bridle. A M. Hungerford promised to have the Axletree replaced in two or three days, when M. E. Seabury Deacon Ch Seabury accompanyed me to East Hadam. On was to fetch it, & I proceeded to New London on Horse- Sunday the 18th, the New Church there, called St. back, where I arrived at 4 o'Clock P.M. much oppressed Stephens Church, was consecrated; the rain having with a violent cold, but, by Gods goodness, found my family all well. Thanks & praise be forever ascribed to my gracious God. Amen.

In this Journey I travelled 144 miles, & laid hands on 132, I trust worthy subjects of the holy Ordinance.

On the 25th of May 1795, I set out from New London, to meet thee Convention which was notified to meet at Stratford on June the third. May God Almighty, who has ever been gracious to me, protect me in this journey, dispose my heart to fear & serve him, enable me to do my duty to his Church with uprightness of heart, & bless his ministers & people under my care with his grace & Holy Spirit .---

My Son the Revd Deacon Ch. Seabury accompanying, I got the next day to New Haven, & continued with D Hubbard over Trinity Sunday, having been disappointed in my intention to visit Branford .--

June 1. Went to Stratford, to the House of the Rev. d Mr Baldwin.

3. The Convention of Clergy & Lay delegates met, The only business of consequence at this Convention, related to the Episcopal Academy, wch had been long projected. The difficulty which now presented, was its location --- Stratford, Wallingford, & Cheshire being competitors for it, & making generous offers for its establishment in their town. This business was finally refered to a Committee appointed by the Convention to meet on a fixed day, at Hampden.

4th. The Convention broke up. And on the

5th. The Convocation of the Clergy, having finished their business, broke up also.

7th. Being the first Sunday after Trinity, Mes Ts Child, Griswold, & Miles were ordered Deacons.

8th. Went to Tashaway, in company with the the [sic] Revd Messrs Baldwin, Shelton, & Clarke of Providence. The new Church at Tashaway was consecrated & Church. named

9th Set out on my return home, & visited in my return, Derby & Woodbridge.

In this Journey of 150 miles out & home, my good God was graciously pleased to preserve me from accidents & sickness, to give me much satisfaction in the pleasing appearance of the Congregations I visited, & in

Tashaway, Derby, & Woodbridge. I had also the pleasure to find my family well on my return. May thy goodness, O God, increase my love to thee, my diligence to serve thy Church, & feed thy flock committed to my care. In life & death may I ever be thine. O God---

Trusting to the long experience of the care & goodness of my heavenly Father, on the 16th of October 1795, I left New London to meet the Clergy at Plymouth or Cambridge in Connecticut. The Rev prevented it from being consecrated on the day appointed in the week before.

An Adult person who had in his infancy received Baptism among the Presbyterians was in the Congregation baptised by me. After Sermon he presented himself for Confirmation, & came to the holy Communion --- 8 others were confirmed with him. & most of them communicated that day.

From a full persuasion of the invalidity of Laybaptism, & that the Ordination of the Presbyterian ministers is no better than Lay Ordination, & that consequently their baptism is no better than Lay baptism, I have never hesitated to baptise any person who has been uneasy with their situation under that baptism, & have applied to me. Their number has been considerable in Connecticut. May Gods grace ever be with them.

19th. The Rev M S. Blakslee accompanied me to Middleton; M. C. Seabury having returned to New London. At Middleton we were detained by rain till 10 o'Clock on the

20th, when we set out & went thro Worthington to Mr Cooks tavern, 18 miles on the road to Plymouth. Here we lodged, & setting out early on the 21st, got to MT Matthews, 2 miles from the Church to breakfast. We the[n] proceeded to the Church, all the Clergy attending.

The Church was consecrated with the usual solemnity, & is called St Matthews Church. Deacon Griswold was ordained Priest & appointed the Rector of it; Confirmation was administred, & the Eucharist. The Congregation appeared to be highly pleased & thankful to God for his goodness. After the solemnities of the day, & mutual congratulations at the Church with each other, & with the Congregation, the Clergy returned to MT Matthews to a late dinner. Peace, & harmony, & joy were with them. The Convocation being adjourned to Harrington met there on the

22d. After some refreshment St. Marks Church, a new & decent, tho' small building was dedicated & consecrated to God. The Congregation here was not large, tho' devout & attentive. The Presbyterian minister having contrived an election of two deacons on that day, & some of his people having strayed & gotten into the Chch, we were rather incommoded by messengers who were sent to call them out. Some of them however chose to remain where



they were.

23d. I went, accompanied by Mess. Baldwin. Brunson. & Butler, to the house of the latter in Litchfield. Here I rested from a journey thro' very bad roads, on Saturday; & on Sunday attended Church M. Baldwin preached in the morning, a very good sermon both in the matter & manner, to a very full congregation. The preached & confirmed in Trinity Chch. Communion was administred to a large number of Communicants. Under the prudent Care of the Rector, Mr Butler, the Congregation appears to be increasing in number, & in piety & devotion. I preached in the afternoon & administred Confirmation to 99 persons chiefly young ones, the future hopes of the Chch. Monday the

26th. I set out on my return home by Wallingford &c: M. Brunson accompanied me to Mr Prindles at Watertown, M. John Robinsons at Point Judith.

27th M. Prinde [sic] went with me to Cheshire, Ledged with M. Ives, who the next day, the

28th, accompanied me to Wallingford, where I preached in the afternoon, & confirmed 19. Lodged with M. Hart, & on the

29th. Attended by him & Mr Ives, went to North Haven, preached & confirmed about 20. There Dr Hubbard of New Haven & Deacon Green met me, & with them, in the Evening, I went to New Haven, where I tarried the remainder of the week, preached on Sunday, & on monday All glory to his holy name.

2d of November, I went on, accompanied by the Rev. Deacon Miles to Branford. Passing thro East Haven, my horse fell & threw me, or rather obliged me to jump out of the Sulky; But by the mercy of God, I escaped with only a slight bruise on the knee. At Branford I that day preached & confirmed 21 persons. The next day I set out for New London, Mr Miles accompanying me all the way. I got to New London on Wednesday the 4th of Nov" after an absence of almost four weeks, & found my family safe & well-

In this journey I traveled 134 miles, preached 10 times, administred the Communion 5 times, & confirmed 198 persons .---- And now, All glory to God for his innumerable benefits. Thou, O God, tookest me out of my mothers womb; Thou hast preserved me ever since; Thou hast blest me with health; Thou hast provided me with the comforts and decencies of life; Thou hast Maryland. He is in Deacon's Orders, and I trust vouchsafed me the means of grace, and the hope of glory; Thou hast raised me to an honourable station in thy Church; Thou has given me a willing heart to do my duty in it -- confirm that ready disposition; Let thy Holy Spirit ever direct it to thy glory & the good of thy Church; Continue thy blessings to me; Bless also thy Church; May thy goodness lead me to love Thee above all things, thro J. Xt. Amen

M. M D. That in the month of July, 1795, I set out from New London to visit the Chches in the State of Rhode Island. The minutes of which journey have been mislaid, so that I write this from memory.

I went from New London on a Wednesday the first, in the Stage, & got to Providence the next day at 1 o'clock Here I continued till tuesday; preached for M. Clarke, the Rector of the Chch, on Sunday the 5th & administred Confirmation. On tuesday went with M. I. Clarke in his chaise to Bristol accompanied by the Rev Mr Clarke & Mr. I. Mumford.

Sth. Wednesday the Convention met. Mr Clarke preached before them.

9th. Their business being finished, I went in the afternoon with the Rev $^{\rm d}$  M $^{\rm r}$  W. Smith, in a chaise sent by R. Auchmuty Esqr, to New Port, distant from Providence 30 m. Passed Sunday there &

13th Monday; Went by Water in company with M. Smith to Updikes New Town, on a visit to old M. Updick [sic], to consult him about the Church at Narraganset. On the next day Mr Smith returned to New Port, & on the

5th; Wednesday, as I suppose, went on horseback accompanied by young Mr Updick, to visit Mr Geo. Brown on the same account. Toward evening went to

Here I tarried till Sunday morning, when I went on a horse M. Brown had lent me to carry me to New London, 9 miles to the Chich where I preached & ministred Confirmation. After Church proceeded with M. F. Hazard to his mothers, who lives on the road to New London, 9 miles distant from the Chch

I rested here on monday, & on tuesday got to Paukatuk bridge, to a MF Babcocks, & the next day to New London-from Mrs Hazards 36 m.

Thro' this journey God graciously preserved me.

The persons confirmed in this journey of 157 miles are supposed to be more than 100.

[Bp. Seabury died on Feb. 25, 1796. --Editor.]

TWO UNPUBLISHED LETTERS FROM BISHOP SEABURY TO BISHOP CLAGGETT (From copies sent to Bishop John Williams by "Miss Whittingham.")

New London, Nov. 2, 1793.

Right Rev. and dear Sir,

This letter will be delivered to you by Mr William Green, who goes with a view of settling in will prove a worthy & diligent Clergyman. He is a Convert to the Cheh from the Presbyterians, in which principles he was rigidly educated. He is also of a backward, reserved disposition; On which accounts some allowances are to be made, especially on a first acquaintance. Being a native of New London, he has been ordained more on my personal knowledge of him, than on the recommendations of others. If I mistake not, he is a sensible, ingenious, medest young man; & I believe will be very amenable to the government of the Church, & peaceable & diligent as a Clergyman; & I hope you will have much satisfaction in him. His connections in this country are considerable, &, with his interest, lay the other way; & I suspect uneasinesses on account of his conformity have led him to look for a settlement in Maryland.

I some time ago directed a declaration to be sent to you respecting the Reve M. James Sayre.



His uneasiness first broke out against the Constitution & liturgy of our Chah & hath at length led him from her Communion. His disposition & attempt to do further mischief hath forced that declaration from me.

Some time ago a young Gentleman of Narraganset in the State of Rhode Island, being refused recommendation for Orders by the Standing Committee of that State, applied to the Standing Committee of Massachusetts under false pretences, & obtained their recommendation to Bp Provost, who put him in Deacon's Orders, The consequence hath been very permicious to the congregation of Narraganset, & to the peace of the Cheh in New Port. The young Gentleman's name is Walter Gardiner; & I have to request that should be apply to you for Priest's Orders, the matter may be delayed till the Gen Convention have determined on the Conduct of the Standing Committee of Rhode Island---of MT Walter Gardiner --- of the Standing Committee of Massachusetts --- d of Bp. Provest, and also whether a Deacon can be Rector of a Parish?

Wishing you health & prosperity, & abundant success in the important station in his Church which God hath called you to fill, I remain, with great respect, Right Reve Sir, your affectionate Brother, & very Serv.

Samuel, Bp Connect. & Rho. Isl.

[Outside address: The Right Reverend Dr Claggett Bishop of Maryland By the favour of The Reven Mr Green ]

> New London, Connect. Feb. 8, 1794.

Right Reverend & dear Sir,

You receive the trouble of this letter to inquire concerning the Rev. Mr Will Green, a young Clergy= man in Deacon's Orders, by whom I wrote to you last fall. His friends have heard nothing from him, since Barbour, John Humphrey he left New York, & are very uneasy about him. They imagine he would set down under the patronage of the Rev. Mr Thos J. Chew, All Saints parish, Calvert County. But in this they may be mistaken. As he car-Beasley, Fredrick ried a letter of recommendation from me to you, which Bedell, Gregory Thurston he promised to deliver himself; & as it was necessary Bedell, Gregory Townsend he should pay his regards to you, I have to request that you would, with the very first conveniency, give Bird, Fredrick Mayer me such intelligence concerning him as you can furnish. You will thereby much oblige his parents, who live in this town, & are now under great anxiety on his account. Excuse this trouble, accept my best wishes, & believe me to be, Right Reverend & very dear Sir, your affectionate brother, & very hum. serv. Brace, Charles Loring

Samuel, Bp. Connect. & Rho. Isl.

N.B. The Post will convey your letter directly to me. Brooks, Phillips

[Outside address: The Right Reverend Dr Thomas J. Claggett. Bishop of Maryland Bladensburg--]

Endorsed: Answered Feby 24th.] [UNCOMPLIMENTARY VERSES REGARDING BISHOP SEABURY. PENNED BY A CONGREGATIONALIST for The Massachusetts Centinel of April 12, 1786:]

THE BISHOP AND TOAD

A TOAD who liv'd in Bishop's gardens, Grown saucy went to granting pardons, Or what's the same, true confirmation. Just as he pleas'd, or had occasion; To all rich elves that kept around Such sacred spots of Holy-Ground: And more belike his pomp to dish up, Assum'd the title of a Bishop. (Tho' Bishops God like are, 'tis true They've always filthy things in view -- ) As S----y strutted on the road, In awful pomp, he spy'd this toad; And drawing nigher to the elf, Saw just the image of himself --For on the stool, with all his beauties, He'd just got up to go to duties:
And down below (Priest-rid) this station, An hundred stood for confirmation. But when our Bishop saw full wisely, All things, from toad-stool done so nicely, He sneak!d away, 'tis said, full sure To leave behind his miniature.

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